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### MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** June 22, 2004  
**Meeting Time:** 2 P.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St., 233  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 7

**Members Present:** Kevin Brinegar, Chairperson; Theresa Wright.

**Members Absent:** Cordelia Lewis-Burks; James Gutting; Jimmy Neal.

Mr. Kevin Brinegar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. He recapped recent cancellations of Subcommittee meetings and announced that the next meetings will be on July 27, 2004 and August 10, 2004.

Then, Mr. Brinegar called on Ms. Cheryl Sullivan, Secretary, Family and Social Services Administration to discuss trends in nonMedicaid programs.

#### Trends in Human Services

Ms. Sullivan provided a document profiling trends at FSSA (exhibit A) which included the top 20 programs areas, funding information for major service categories, and expenditures for the top 50 programs. She noted that the cost per client for preventive services was fairly low, while the cost for treatment or institutionalization was high.

Next, Ms. Sullivan turned to child care the increase in the capacity of licenced child care homes and centers since FY 1990. She showed that the federal contribution to child care funding had dropped in recent years, as had the number of children served. Ms. Sullivan moved onto trends

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in health-related programs including Children's Health Insurance Program Enrollment, Healthy Families Indiana, CHOICE and Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waivers. She discussed state-owned facilities showing the decline of residents at state developmental centers. She discussed how waivers provided services in the community for former residents of state-owned facilities.

Discussing caseload information on Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant, Ms. Sullivan indicated that money for child care was being squeezed by other types of aid. She also discussed the growth of the Food Stamp Program.

Finally, Ms. Sullivan presented information on eligibility requirements for various FSSA programs. Ms. Sullivan concluded by saying that Indiana has initiatives that highly regarded such as the Health Families programs that was highlighted in Governing Magazine, April 2004.

Mr. Brinegar asked that Ms. Sullivan return to discuss how FSSA has been able to cut budget and staff, but expand the number of clients served. Also, he asked that Ms. Sullivan provide an assessment of where the agency is at in terms of the 1990 Andersen Report goals.

### **Public Testimony**

Mr. Brinegar then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Subcommittee.

Mr. John Cardwell, Chair, Indiana Home Care Task Force, discussed the CHOICE Program, explaining that the eligibility was supposed to be 300% of poverty but this level was not put into effect. When asked, Mr. Cardwell said that he understood that short falls in program funding stood in the way of implementation.

Mr. John Emerson, Executive Director, The ARC, discussed the benefits of community care as a way to serve more people by lowering the cost to serve each individual. He spoke against funding Medicaid with block grants and discussed shortages of care givers and the way in which technology may fill in for these shortages.

Ms. Jean McDonald, Indiana Association of Home and Hospice Care, spoke concerning CHOICE, saying that the numbers who can participate are limited, but that participants receive a full range of services. Ms. McDonald also addressed a technology project providing in-home monitoring in Evansville.

### **Adjournment**

Following the public comments, Mr. Brinegar adjourned the meeting at 3:37 pm.